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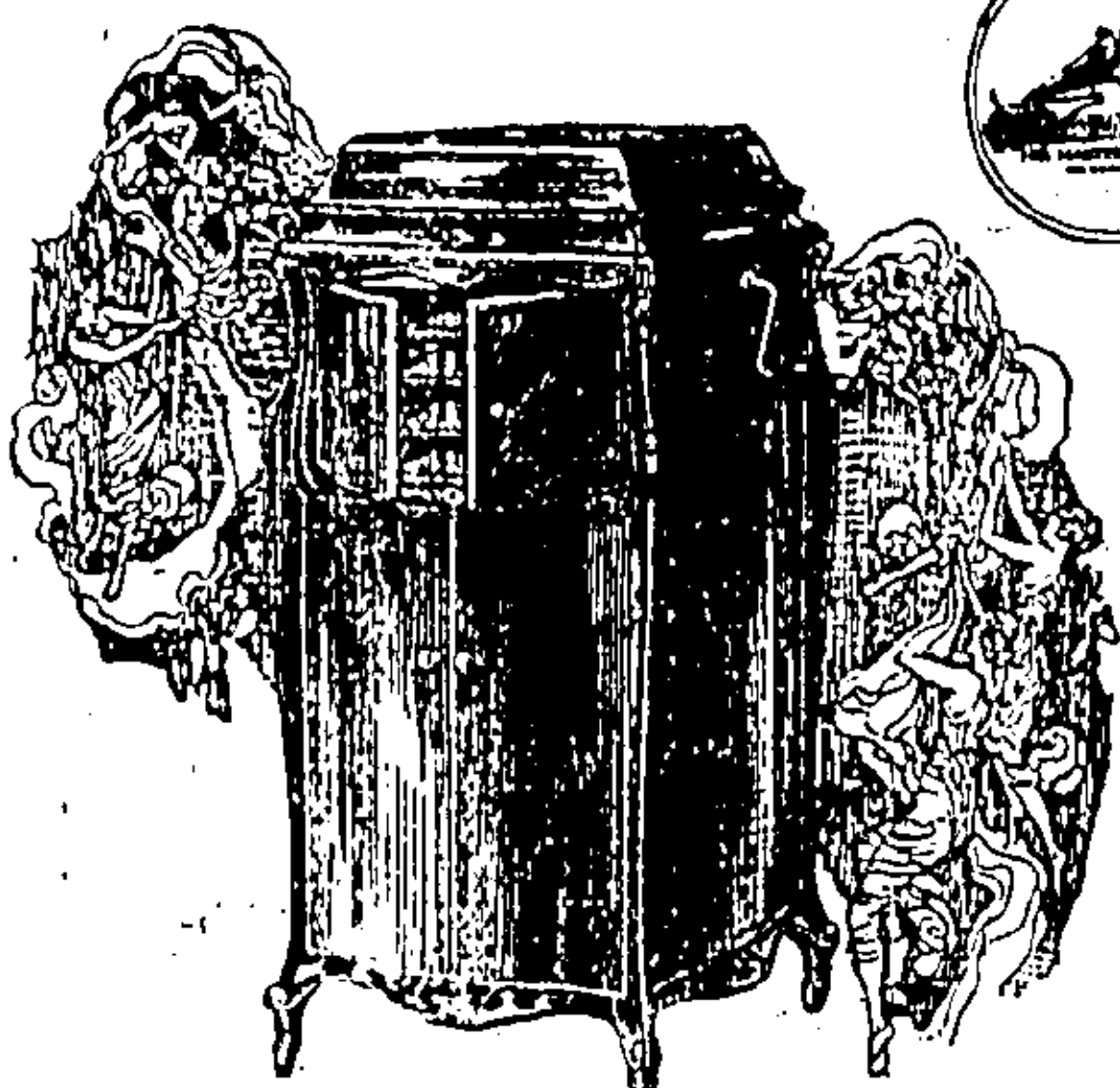
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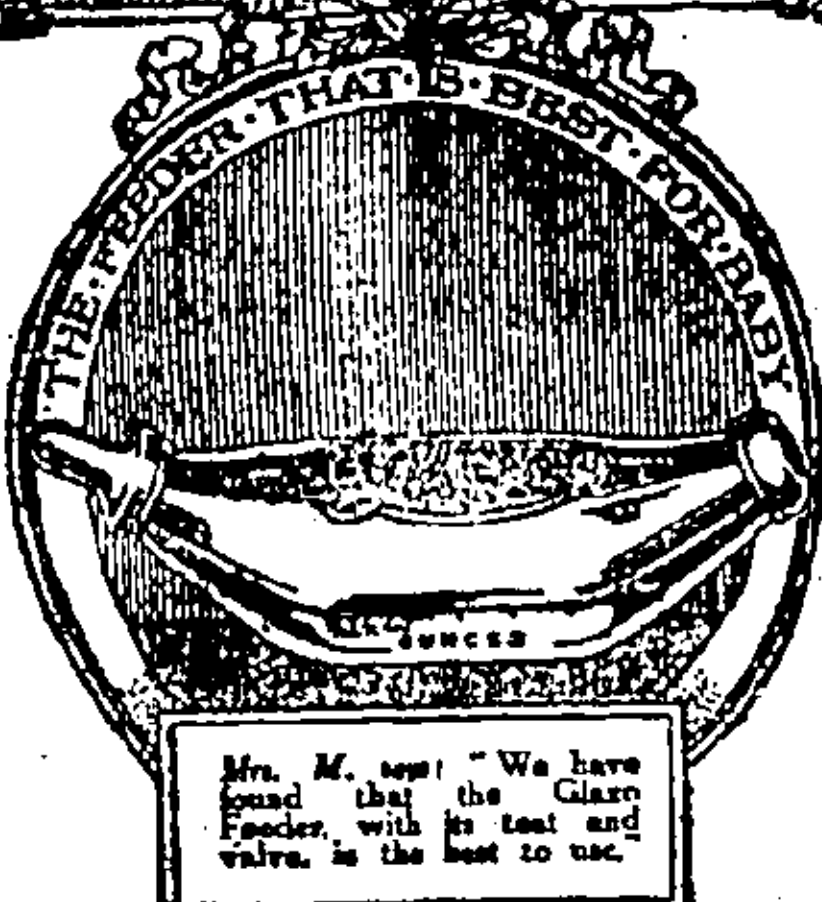


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MOMENTOUS SESSION OPENS.

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"NO CONFIDENCE" AMENDMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 15.

The intense interest in the State opening of the most momentous session of Parliament was shown by the fact that the first Commoner arrived at the Commons at five in the morning and also by the great crowds in the Mall and at Whitehall who loudly cheered Their Majesties and the Prince of Wales as they went in procession to Parliament from Buckingham Palace and from York House respectively. There was brilliant sunshine. A splendid scene was witnessed in the Lords where the red benches were packed with peeresses richly gowned and wearing diamonds and peers robed in scarlet and ermine. The Labourites watched the scene from the gallery. There were the customary demonstrations by unemployed, shepherded by the police.

COMMONS OPENS BREEZILY.

The House of Commons was crowded. Mr. Asquith, who has recovered, sat next to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on the front opposition bench. The proceedings opened breezily. The Labourites, supported by the Liberals, opposed Mr. Baldwin's motion to appoint the Conservatives Mr. James Hope and Captain Fitzroy as Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee respectively. Mr. MacDonald said it was impossible to pass the motion without a division which would be regrettable as there would be difficulties enough otherwise in this Parliament. He suggested that during the debate on the Address these posts should not be filled but that the Speaker should adjourn nightly at dinner. Colonel John Ward protested that party arrangements behind the scenes were responsible for Mr. MacDonald's attitude. The Liberal Mr. Pringle supported Mr. MacDonald. Mr. Jack Jones shouted amid laughter that he believed in the spoils going to the victors. Mr. Baldwin withdrew the motion pending the result of the debate on the Address.

HIS MAJESTY'S SPEECH.

LONDON, January 15.

The King's speech at the opening of Parliament stated: "The relations with foreign powers are friendly and I am glad to record definite progress in the solution of the questions which have hitherto blocked the pathway of mutual understanding and retarded the recovery of the world. A bill will be introduced to give effect to the Lausanne Treaty and as soon as it is passed the Treaty will be ratified and a new era of peaceful relations with Turkey will open. The Anglo-American agreement in regard to the illicit importation of liquor into the United States is on the eve of conclusion and should further strengthen the happy relations of the two countries. It will continue to be my object to support by every means in my power the steady growth of the influence of the League of Nations. The recent murders on the North-West frontier of India caused me much concern and earnestly trust that the criminals will be punished and more satisfactory relations established on the frontier soon. The recent Imperial Conferences marked very definite progress in Imperial co-operation, more particularly as it was found possible without a departure from the existing fiscal system for this country to meet the wishes of the Dominions by a substantial extension of the principle of Imperial Preference established by the conference of 1917 and enforced since 1919. Proposals to give effect to the conclusions of both conferences will be submitted to you. I welcome the opportunity afforded by the British Empire Exhibition to increase our knowledge of the varied resources of the Empire and stimulate inter-Imperial trade."

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

The King's speech expresses gravest concern regarding unemployment in view of the country's non-acceptance of the recent proposals which in the judgment of Ministers would materially have contributed to the solution of the problem. The Commons will be invited to assent to the extension and amendment of trade facilities and export credit schemes and to the proposal of the Imperial Economic Conference for expediting and assisting the execution of certain public works throughout the Empire by a grant of financial aid from public funds and the extension of contributions towards the cost of public utility works undertaken by local authorities or statutory and private corporations. The Commons will be asked to assist in providing work in the shipbuilding industry by the immediate construction of cruisers and auxiliary craft in anticipation of the naval programme.

NEW LEGISLATION FORECASTED.

Steps will be taken to develop the existing system of juvenile unemployment centres and to provide increased facilities for general and technical education. The Ministers propose to summon a conference representing all interested in agriculture and the political parties with the object of arriving at an agreed policy whereby the acreage of arable land may be maintained and regular employment at an adequate wage be secured for the agricultural worker. Bills will be introduced to improve the position of pre-war pensioners and deal with the discouragement of thrift involved in the present by means of limitation to the grant of old-age pensions. The speech inter alia mentions bills to amend the Factory Acts, a proposal to increase activity under the sections of the Housing Act enabling workers to become owners of their homes, measures to complete land purchase in North Ireland and guarantee principal and interest bonds issued by the Government of the Irish Free State. Under the Land Act recently passed there is the obligation to alleviate the hardship which was the cause of former disturbances in Ireland is recognised. Proposals will be submitted for the expansion of the Royal Air Force in connection with Home defence.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S CRITICISM.

LONDON, January 15.

Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, moving the adoption of the Address-in-Reply opined that the resolutions of the Imperial conference did in some sort constitute an obligation towards the Dominions (cries of "No.") Lord Apsley seconded. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald described the King's speech as a curious and miscellaneous collection of odds and ends and many items borrowed from Labour. He said the prospect of a change government had done more to bring the influence of Britain into the minds of dominating continental statesmen than twelve months of the last government. (Labour Cheers.)

WAR CLOUDS IN EUROPE.

Mr. MacDonald said the state of Europe was far nearer what it was in 1914 than anyone cared to think about, with rival armies and rival nationalist polities and Nations that were allies glaring at each other in only semi-concealed hostility. He urged necessity of bringing the solemn influence of Britain to bear in order that a new leaf might be turned. He advocated more skilful handling of diplomacy and at the same time a friendly and firm emphatic assertion of our own interests. He protested against the doctrine that Parliament was under obligation to carry out the decisions of the Imperial conference as subversive to the rights of self-government which we would never surrender. Every pledge given by Ministers at Imperial Conference that matters should be brought before the Commons and would be fulfilled to the last letter. The fact that the Government told the conference they intended to submit the preference proposals to Parliament surely meant that Parliament was absolutely free to carry out or reject these proposals. He contended that the Government's proposal to tax food for the purpose of Dominion preference was a very fundamental departure from the existing fiscal system which constituted another reason for refusing the Government confidence.

UNEMPLOYED AT CITY TEMPLE.

Unemployed demonstrators on the Embankment with banners and a band were diverted from the vicinity of Parliament and escorted by police to the City Temple where the Pastor, Doctor Norwood, welcomed them on behalf of the Brotherhood Movement. In the course of an address he styled them "the ghosts of our social sins." He was proceeding: "Ladies and Gentlemen" when a voice from the gallery shouted "comrades!" "Yes, comrades," said Dr. Norwood, who hoped the meeting would impress the statesmen that unemployment was a clamant question. Two leaders of the unemployed spoke to a resolution which was adopted calling on Parliament to stimulate industries with a view to reducing unemployment.

LABOUR AMENDMENT.

LATER.

Mr. J. R. Clynes moved the following Labour amendment to the address in reply: "It is, however, our duty respectfully to submit to Your Majesty that Your Majesty's present advisers have not the confidence of this House." The date of moving the amendment has not been fixed.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE PROPOSALS.

LATER.

Mr. MacDonald announced that the proposals of the Imperial conference would be submitted to a free vote of the Commons.

LATER.

Mr. MacDonald urged that in the unparalleled political situation, the House could not merely pursue the old fashioned party tactics. He said no party could take responsibility to-day without feeling it would rather avoid it if it could, because the state of Europe and affairs at Home were so bad, but the nation's government must be carried on by whoever carried it on. The Government under these circumstances were entitled to appeal for fair play to the sportsman-like instincts of Englishmen and for the support of the House so long as it did its duty.

LATER.

The opposition having demanded an immediate debate on the financial situation, the government insisted on a postponement of the debate until the 17th, making it a matter of confidence. The vote taken was 388 to 189 in favour of the government.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

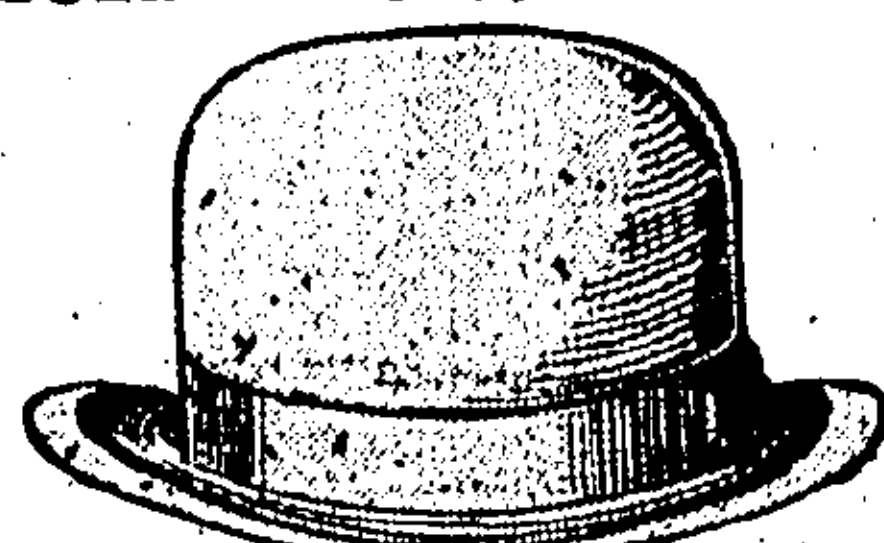
Mr. Lloyd George controverted the claim made in some quarters that Parliament was bound to ratify the proposals submitted by the Government and accepted by the Imperial Conference. He charged the French with furnishing money to foster the Separatist movement in the Rhineland and hoped that whatever Government came into power would assert the authority and influence the Empire was entitled to by its power and sacrifices.

MR. BALDWIN'S REPLY.

Mr. Baldwin said that when the Conservatives went out of power they would not engage in factious opposition but would endeavour to help such causes as unemployment and agriculture. He threw out the suggestion that where none of the three parties could independently govern a round table conference should be held, particularly as regards the agricultural problem with a view to arriving at some common measures. He endorsed Mr. Lloyd George's view as regards Parliamentary adoption of the Imperial Conference resolutions. Mr. Baldwin informed the House that the proposed American liquor treaty whereon the principal parties had agreed and which was examined by the Dominions provided that the United States would have the right of search to a certain distance outside the three-mile limit. British vessels would be permitted to carry sealed liquor into American harbours for use on the return voyage. He dwelt optimistically on the appointment of Allied Expert Committees which was the first progressive step made in Europe in the whole year owing to American participation and the means afforded to provide remedial measures for German finances. The House then adjourned.

(Other new cables will be found on page 6.)

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Half hour 30 " 60
One hour 40 " 80
Every subsequent
hour 25 " 40

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Taiwan	8124
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Shan Peak	1000
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Do not rush to buy a box,
Pander to her knowin' aims.
Or produce expensive choos;
Cut out all that fancy stuff;
Catch her young, and treat her
rough!If she keeps you waiting hours,
If she's in a nasty mood,
Do not rush to purchase flowers.
In some sappy interlude;
Chalk, instead, upon your cuff:
"Catch 'em young, and treat 'em
rough!"Wisdom travels from the East:
Knowledge comes from Japan;
Had I learnt to be a beast,
I'd have been a different man;
But my little bit of duff,
Caught 'em young, and treats me
rough!

Three Stories.

Mick Sullivan, the navy, always
wet his fingers when he picked up
his hand at euchre. But as Mick
said, "it's a fact 'y habit to spit on
yer fingers before 'y' pick up a
spade."—L.V.Boddy it stood out on the plate-
glass window—"EGS 1/6." A cus-
tomer drew attention to the error.
"You have the word 'eggs' spelt
wrong on your window." "Is that
so?" said the shopkeeper. He
inspected the sign. "Fancy me for-
gettin' the H," he said.—U.S."Some 'v them blokes in Adalid
Banks," said Doc Woop, when he
returned home, "is pretty sick
when they're countin' notes, but I
noticed one weakness. They waste
a lot 'v time dippin' their fingers
on a sponge instead of lickin their
fingers. I ain't one bloke why didn't
's, and 'e said 'e'd run over slyer
—that 'ad me dodged—'rape 'e
was kiddin'."—L.V.

Notable Sayings.

I acquiesce in competition because
it is so largely engaged in eliminat-
ing itself.—Prof. Sir W. Ashley.
Europe is like Nebuchadnezzar, rebuild-
ing its shattered habitations, with
the trowel in one hand and a sword
in the other.—Mr. Lloyd George.
I am learning now and I mean to
go on learning if I live to be a
hundred.—Mr. Baldwin.In no religion are the arrange-
ments of Heaven democratic.—Mr.
G. M. Bannister.
In a truly Free State nobody can
be considered free until he has earned
his keep, and nobody can be con-
sidered a gentleman if he is mean
enough to stop at that.—Mr. Ber-
nard Shaw.The ideal world would be a world
in which every man continued to go
to school till the day of his death.—
Mr. Robert Lynd.
If you have to go begging always
choose the poorest door.—Mr.
Stephen Gwynn.Original sin can trick itself out in
the latest political finery.—Mr.
J. P. Collins.
The training of a sound public
taste is one of the greatest neces-
sities of the present time.—Dr.
Ernest Barker.No man is the best judge of his
own reputation.—Mr. Justice Mc-
Cordie.
An industry in which the indivi-
dual units elude to criminals com-
petition is dead and damned.—Mr.
Austin Hopkinson, M.P.The slave system has been dis-
credited, the feudal system is out of
date, and the present wage system
must follow.—The Bishop of Wool-
wich.Signor Mussolini is like Italian
wine, very good in Italy, but not
very good for exportation.—The
Bishop of Lincoln.

The First Typewriter.

Fifty years ago the first type-
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Sholes at Ilion, in New York.
The inventor was a dreamy idealist
who had been both editor and
printer. He said, "I feel that I
have done something for the world,
who have always had to work so
hard. This will enable them moreeasily to earn a living." As a mat-
ter of fact, there is no doubt that
the typewriter has played a large
part in securing the economic inde-
pendence of women. Scholes sold
the entire rights of his invention for
less than \$2,500. The typewriter
has relieved human drudgery more
than any other invention, and it
has had an immense effect on con-
temporary life.It is rather curious that although
it is easier now to write than it used
to be, people write much shorter
letters. The typewriter was in
common use in American news-
paper offices long before Fleet
Street reporters abandoned the
pen and the pen. Indeed,
it is only within the last
ten years that the news agencies
have given up sending out hand-
written, and often almost illegible
flimsy duplicates. Nowadays it is
almost the universal rule not to
take copy from reporter or agency
unless it is typewritten. The type-
writer has enormously relieved
editors, sub-editors, and printers.
It is interesting to note that the
typewriter, the telephone, and the
electric light were all invented about
the same time.

The biography of the living.

I have always thought that the
biography of a man, who is splendidly
alive and who has come into pre-
sistence among us, should be writ-
ten in a different manner from that
of a person already belonging to the
past, whose life represents a com-
plete cycle. When writing about a
living man, one should take him as
he is to-day and then, gradually
working back through his previous
life, one must try to discover the
explanation of his acts and some
indication as to his schemes for the
future. To me, this procedure is
more attractive than the orthodox
way of beginning a man's biography
by the description of the room in
which he was born.—Vladimir
Petrovich.Matthew Arnold to Browning.
"My Dear Browning—Many
thanks for your poem, which I shall
keep to read when my summer hol-
iday comes and I can read a poem
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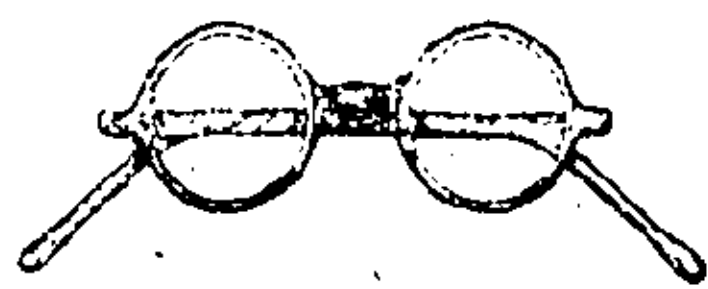
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MARRIAGE.

REID — LOWSON.—To-day, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. J. Copley Moyle, Douglas, only son of T. H. Reid, to Catherine Jean, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowson, Forfar, Scotland.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, 1924.

GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION BOGGLE.

Throwing bricks at the Government for real and imagined sins is such a popular pastime in this Colony that we shall resist the very tempting opportunity the latest education comedy provides. Suffice it to say that following a statement a few days ago by one of our higher officials that the Director of Education was not retiring, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving has himself made the position definitely clear. Whatever vagueness may still exist in other minds, he knows quite well what he is doing. As reported in the China Mail yesterday, he is retiring, and that quite soon. Possibly no vagueness exists at all in other minds. After the Colonial Secretary had issued his statement last Thursday that "for official information Mr. Irving was not

retiring," the Government may have hurriedly made up its mind. Speaking with the utmost sympathy for our harassed rulers, we might add that it was a pity the Government did not also reach a decision about Mr. Irving's successor, a vitally important matter in quite impersonal ways. Judging from the Colonial Secretary's statement, the Government is bogging. With distressing force for the bad old ways, warmly defended in more than one Legislative Council scintillation, the Government seems to be playing with the idea of making another cadet Director of Education. This is unwise. Surely the Government must realise that such action would be greeted with a storm of protest. Against Mr. Irving personally nothing can be said. Indeed he has had much in his favour. This it might also be possible to say about a cadet chosen to succeed him. But the matter is not a personal one. There is a principle involved, and this principle must be rigidly upheld—the post is one for a trained man only; not simply because it is essentially an expert's job, but as much, even if not more, because under existing conditions men joining the department know that they cannot hope to advance beyond a certain point. The moral effects of this last disability are bad enough, but the financial are considerably worse. The Director of Education, appointed at the arbitrary pleasure of the Government, can draw £1,600 a

year, with examination fees, etc. extra. The Chief Inspector of Schools, a trained man who has worked his way up through the department, can never hope to get more than £900 and a personal allowance. The maximum that a fully qualified teacher can expect, after twenty years' service, is £750 and no allowances at all. Small wonder then that any inquiries into teachers' salaries were ruled out of order at that recent Education Board meeting! When the Director draws annually in regular salary just £600 a year more than the No. 2 of the Department and £750 more than the maximum salary of the fully qualified teacher, can one marvel that the fully qualified teacher is reluctant to accept a position in Hongkong? There is no doubt about the absence of suitable applicants; indeed, we believe that only one man under thirty years of age has come to this Department from home in the last eight years. Anomalies like these must not be allowed to continue any longer. They must be swept away with a ruthless hand. With Mr. Irving retiring shortly, the Government has its chance. It can abolish the absurd system which puts an untrained man in an expert's job and debars trained men from ever getting the highest position in their Department; it can also revise teachers' salaries so that good fully qualified men may be tempted out from home for educational work in this Colony. The Government has its chance. It would be wise to seize it quickly.

Opening Parliament.

Once more Parliament has been opened with ancient pageantry. These brief words flashed across the world give but little idea of the Elizabethan splendour which marks the ceremony. Long before their Majesties arrive at the House of Lords, the peers gather in their scarlet and ermine robes. The galleries are crowded with peeresses in Court dress, wearing coronets and jewels—a dazzling array of white arms and shoulders, soft ermine and rippling furs as the lights play upon diamond crowns. Before the vacant golden throne gather the judges in ermine cloaks and flowing wigs; to the right and the left are the white-robed bishops and the ambassadors in gold-laced coats and multi-coloured sashes. Through the open doors at the end of the House of Lords, the Gentlemen of the Bodyguard are seen leaning on tall halberds, the light shining with flamboyant effects upon steel corselets and pike points. Their Majesties appear. The lights flare up and the diamonds gather new flames. The House of Peers rises to its feet as the King and Queen, hand in hand, bow gravely and slowly mount to the throne. Little pages in Court dress, with tiny swords pointing slantwise through their velvet coat tails, swiftly arrange the royal trains. Blumantle Pursuivant, Rouge Croix Pursuivant, Portcullis Pursuivant, and the four heralds stand grouped about the throne as the King, through the Lord Great Chamberlain, sends the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to summon "the faithful Commons." There is a pause. Then the sound of the Common's gathering at the Bar of the Guild Chamber. The Lord Chancellor drops on one knee before the King, hands him a document, and then the King's voice speaking. Just as you are lost to time, just as you are thinking that Westminster is the palace of armoured knights again, the trumpets cry, and—it is over. The diamonds glitter on the Queen's breast, the King turns, offering his hand, the little pages stoop to the heavy trains, and their Majesties leave the chamber. Outside in Palace-yard there are words of command, troops come to attention, the outriders mount, and the golden coach waits ready.

Realism.
Like certain other of our Government Departments, our Criminal Investigation Department moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform. It has just issued a warrant for a certain gentleman who disappeared with a not inconsiderable sum of money so late, or early as December, and whose whereabouts (nothing to do with clothes) are more than a mystery. And so our Criminal Investigators are offering \$1,000 reward "for information" which we should like to point out is not 10% on the amount alleged to have been taken. That is a little matter and pales into insignificance in face of the particulars given which is likely to enable a sleuth to track the absconding gentleman. He has, we are told a sallow complexion, dark hair and

brown eyes. If this is not sufficient for our amateur sleuths, they may be assisted to know that he is an opium smoker, is five feet high (whether in his socks is not stated) and may have scars on the back of his head. Not much to go on perhaps, for we cannot be stopping the numerous persons who may answer these particulars, and examine their eyes, their inches their complexion and their head. They might with due reason object. But stay, there is still one more aid to detection. "He usually wears spectacles of the 'Harold Lloyd' pattern." We must say we are very sorry for those unlimited in number who will persist in looking like Harold Lloyd so far as their spectacles are concerned. If all eyes are upon them they have only themselves to blame. Personally we have always distrusted those who go about with spectacles of the Harold Lloyd pattern. We shall not add to their agony by further reference to what they have brought upon themselves. Our object is to compliment our splendid Directors of the Criminal Investigation Department in their efforts to prevent crime. Think of those standing on the brink about to become criminals. They read the description which has prompted these lines, and stay their hands become, or remain respectable members of Society. For no member of any robber gang would care to have his peculiarities broadcast in this manner. "Said to wear spectacles of the Harold Lloyd pattern." "Said to wear trousers of the 'Charlie Chaplin' pattern." "Said to smile like Douglas Fairbanks, plus one gold tooth." "Said to walk like Larry Simon or Buster Keaton." "Said to wear a top hat like H.E." But why enumerate? When next we read the annual report of our Police Department, we shall be decidedly surprised if the statistics are not fifty per cent. less than they were a year ago.

O! King, live for ever.
O! Perdue, receive our blessings.
..... were spectacles of the Harold Lloyd pattern.
Great!
Simply great!!

Whilst we have CHARIVARIA not heard of anyone who was bored at Christmas-time, we are assured that there were a considerable number who were thoroughly fed-up.

"The sense of humour is the one sense that grows stronger with advancing years," says Dr. Ethel Smythe. That does not seem to apply to some of our Government Servants.

"No joy is more acute than that produced by seeing one's name in print," says Mr. Pett Ridge. Now we know why some people persist in making speeches.

A play is to be produced which takes place in a soap factory. It should be clean.

Lord Birkenhead says that if he went back to the Bar he could make £40,000 a year. A Brief life but a paying one.

In New York's largest prison, on the Hudson River, the choir of the various denominations compete for the honour of possessing the best trained voices.

Is this why they call it "Sing Sing?"

GOING EASY. "You look like a good risk, Mrs. Malone, but will you kindly tell me what your father died of?"
"Oh, can't rightly remember as to that, sir, but sure it was nothing serious."

IDENTIFIED. It is a strict rule in some banks that cheques cannot be cashed for strangers, so when a chem-looking woman laid her cheques on the counter the cashier smiled regretfully.

"I am sorry, madame," he said, "but I do not know you."
"Oh, I think you do," replied the lady, coolly. "I'm the red-headed virgin who lives next door to you, whose 'scondrelly little boys' are always stealing your flowers. When you started for town this morning, your wife called after you, 'Now, Henry, if you want any dinner this evening you'll have to leave me some money. I can't keep house on sixpence a day, and—'"

"Here's your money, madame," replied the red-faced cashier, and pushed it across the counter.

APPOINTMENT. We mentioned the other day that certain of our public men were due for leave shortly and would be departing on what is called "well-earned vacation." When they go vacancies will have to be filled and a gentle reader makes the following suggestions:—

The Bishop's place might be taken by a member of the Ration-alist Press Association.

Mr. McMeester's by Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

Mr. Fletcher's by Mr. Moller.

Mr. Irving's by Mr. Wyle.

Mr. Kemp's by Mr. M. K. Lo.

EXACT KNOWLEDGE. The class was asked where the most ignorant people were to be found.

"Hongkong," replied the bright boy, "because geography says that's where the population is very dense."

STERNE held TRAVELLERS—that the whole circle of travellers may be reduced to the following heads:

Idle Travellers,
Inquisitive Travellers,
Lying Travellers,
Proud Travellers,
Vain Travellers,
Splendid Travellers,

and
The Travellers by necessity,
The Delinquent and Felonious Traveller,
The Unfortunate and Innocent Traveller,
The Simple Traveller,

and last of all The Sentimental Traveller (meaning thereby himself). He omitted the Aesthetic Traveller; perhaps such a person did not exist in his days.

"We wonder how many of the 'Franconia's' passengers came under any of the above classifications.

PRISON at home is now a nice place to spend time—we believe all we read. And compare this with the round of things in Hongkong as we know it. Educational classes, lectures, debates, concerts and a weekly summary of the news now form part of the regular fare in the local prisons.

In certain cases games of draughts or chess are allowed. Shaving, too, is on the increase, and prisoners are even being permitted to have their own safety razors. These concessions, it is declared, are not designed to make a pleasant place, but to promote the self respect and intelligence of the prisoner and to fit him to re-enter the world as a citizen. That is a laudable object, and a policy that should bear good fruit. But the aim of a well-ordered society, after all, is not so much to be kind to its members when they are in prison as to prevent them getting there. There are too many people in gaol to-day. The Report of the Commissioners of Prisons shows that the total in 1922-3 was nearly four thousand above that of the previous year, though it was lower than the five years before the war. The largest part of this increase is represented by debtors. Since the war the number of persons imprisoned for debt has risen steadily from 1,830 in 1918-19 to 12,095 in the year under review. These are chiefly persons committed for the non-payment of wife maintenance, bastardy arrears, or arrears of income tax and, as the Commissioners tell us, "a large, if not the largest, factor is unemployment." This state of things is not the fault of the prison authorities, but it is somebody's fault and something ought to be done to remedy it. Among the remedial measures suggested in the Report are attachment of wages; allowing time to pay; obtaining full information about the debtor's circumstances before he is committed; putting a man on to compulsory work until he has paid off his debt thereby.

INDIAN. When all the fetters of the heart here on earth are broken, then this mortal becomes immortal.

Guru Nanak was one day lying on the ground with his feet in the direction of the Temple of Mecca. "How darrest thou, infidel," called out a Mohammedan, "turn thy feet towards the House of God!" "How can I turn them," answered Nanak, "in a direction where the House of God is not?"

If knowledge without religion were highly valuable nothing would be more so than the Devil.

Charity, penitence, patience, continence, modesty, uprightness, and compassion—these are the seven gates of heaven.

"The words of the good are like a staff in a slippery place."

It is a fact that alone among the vast army of those compelled to earn a living, our Brokers do not find it necessary to advertise. Circumstances, while the aid of a bowler hat, does that for them. On the other side, American stockbrokers do find it necessary to "tell the world" of their existence, as is evidenced by this authentic advertisement taken from a Los Angeles newspaper.

"SOME DO AND SOME DON'T." Some men. Want to see their lawyer or their banker. Before making a business deal. I don't want to see those men. I want honest-to-God He-Men. That will prove merit and like a chance. "Your Money Back in a few months and 200 per cent. Profit" is some proposition.

"Poor fish" is the one who won't investigate. He will always be poor. See what \$200.00 will do

Money talks—gossip is cheap. I'll prove it.
(Name omitted.)
Stock Exchange Building,
LOS ANGELES.

We are for the time being, spared that in Hongkong where the "honest-to-God-He-Men" blooms in profusion ever waiting to be plucked—or do business.

To-day's Poems.

Let the great winds their worst and wildest blow,
On the gold weather round us mellow slow;
We have fulfilled ourselves, and we can dare,
And we can conquer, though we may not share
In the rich quiet of the afterglow,
What is to come.
—W. E. HENLEY.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 16.

1680. I staid up till the bellman came by with his bell just under my window as I was writing of this very line, and cried, "Past one of the clock, and a cold, frosty, windy morning." I then went to bed, and left my wife and the maid a-washing still.
Pepys.

THE CHILD.

I strongly feel that every good parent cares for his child's body, that the child may have a normal and healthy life and growth; cares for his child's mind, that the child may take his proper place in the world of thinking people; and such a parent must also train his child's character religiously, that the world may become morally fit. Unless this is done, trained bodies and trained minds may simply add to the destructive forces of the world.
—Warren G. Harding.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 16.—Coronet Theatre; "The Birth of a Nation."
January 16.—Star Theatre; Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty The American."

January 16.—World Theatre; Bebe Daniels in "A Game Chicken."
January 16.—Grand Theatre; Tigane Serbiana in songs and dances; fight films.

SOCIAL.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
January 17.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, two sextants, two prismatic binoculars and one barograph, 2.30 p.m.

January 17.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, household furniture, and miscellaneous articles, 2.30 p.m.

January 17.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, one Harley Davidson Motor Bicycle 7/9 H.P. 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 28.—Twenty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 28.—Thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices 11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One-hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
January 22.—Diocesan Boys' School Annual Speech Day, from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

FLOWER SHOW.
March 6.—Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show.

"QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER"

ANOTHER BIG CORONET PICTURE.

After the run of "The Birth of a Nation," now at the Coronet, the big rural drama "Quincy Adams Sawyer" is promised.

This is described as a drama of everyday and incidentally contains one of the greatest casts ever put into a single production. "The book, when first published, created a big sensation in the States, and although probably it is not unduly familiar to English readers, it is quite certain that the screen version of the novel will make a lasting impression upon them.

Hongkong movie goers would do well to see this film, which is amongst the finest productions of the year.

LOCAL WEDDING.

The wedding of Mr. Douglas Reid, only son of Mr. T. H. Reid, to Miss Catherine Jean Lowson, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowson of Forfar, Scotland, took place this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral and was attended by a numerous assembly of friends. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiated and Misses Patricia Coomer and Margaret Tod attended as bridesmaids, whilst Mr. A. T. Lay of Canton attended the groom as best man. Mr. Geo. P. Lammert gave away the bride. The bride was attired in a dress of cream gold brocade with court train of cream chamoise, veil of old Limerick lace lent by her great aunt Mrs. Murray of Forfar, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and roses. The bridesmaids' dresses were cream gorgette with gold tissue. Suitable hymns were rendered and Lohengrin's Bridal march played. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel where the usual toasts were duly honoured. Later the happy pair motored to Repulse Bay where the first part of the honeymoon will be spent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 6 p.m.

T. T. exchange on London is 2/4½; on Shanghai 71.

The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., will pay a dividend of \$5.25 per share and a Bonus of \$10 per share.

At Caine Road yesterday, a Chinese boy who gave an address at No. 23, Caine Road, had a leg injured in an accident with motor-car No. 970.

The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company is to hold shareholders' meetings shortly for the purpose of passing resolutions for increasing the capital of the Company from \$600,000 (divided into 60,000 \$10 shares) to \$2,000,000 (divided into 200,000 shares of \$10 each).

Subject to audit, The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., will pay a final Dividend of \$1.50 per share and a Bonus of \$2 per share, (i.e., on share Nos. 40,001-240,000). To those holding shares given in exchange for shares of the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd. (i.e., shares numbered 1-40,000) a dividend of \$2.50 will be paid in accordance with the Agreement.

The "Star" Ferry Company are having two new ferry boats built at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for their ferry service between Hongkong and Kowloon. They hope to have the additional ferries ready for service within the next six months when a much-needed five minute service is to be introduced. In order to do this the Company propose to extend their wharf at Kowloon so that two ferries can come alongside at practically the one time. The new ferries are to be built on practically the same lines as the present ferries, excepting that they will have a few feet more beam and be slightly longer.

There is to be a smoking concert at E.A.S.M.A. on Saturday next.

FORGIVE, O LORD.

Forgive, O Lord, forgive, that I do love
The Sea, the starry heavens and the hills
As I do reverence Thee. The gentle dove,
That coos and drinks beside the murmuring rills,
Thy gentle charity doth symbolise
Tween Nature and Thyself no difference lies;
Therefore, forgive.
Forgive, and yet again, forgive, O Lord,
That I bear similar love to Man as Thee;
For Man and Nature both with one accord,
Thy greatness do proclaim. In them I see
The image of Thyself. In seeing Man I'm serving Thee.
Therefore, forgive.
"ZAKIR"

JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKE.

CASUALTY LIST.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, January 15.
The earthquake was similar to that on January 9 but only half of its intensity. It lasted twelve minutes and it is believed there are about 50 fatalities in Tokyo, Yokohama, and outside districts. No casualties of foreigners are reported. All communications are seriously damaged.

LATER.
Railway communications between Tokyo and Kobe have been interrupted owing to the earthquake.

LATER DETAILS.

OSAKA, January 15.
The Takaido railway is now running a single line. The Daibutsu at Kamakura which was displaced forward by the earthquake last September has now gone backward four inches. Large fissures have been made at Kamakura. The water supply in Yokohama City is cut off and vessels in the harbour are supplying water to meet immediate needs. The Yokohama tram service is suspended and panic-stricken people are camping out in the streets. A dense fog hung over Yokohama this morning making the sun appear crimson. The Yokohama casualties are—3 killed and 12 wounded. Seven houses totally and two partially collapsed and one warehouse, two schools, two factories and two hospitals fell down.—Reuter.

FRENCH FINANCE.

GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS.

PARIS, January 15.
At a meeting of the Cabinet, presided over by President Millerand, it was decided to submit to the Chamber on Thursday, bills to improve the financial situation, to balance the Budget, and solve the exchange crisis by suppressing tax evasion and effecting economies in public services, postponing all further expenditure, and increasing all taxes from May 1. The Chamber is to be asked to vote bills immediately and to make their passage a question of confidence. The Government will take immediate measures to prevent speculation in francs and Government Securities. The expenditure which had hitherto figured as recoverable would henceforth be covered by corresponding revenue. It was anticipated that the increase of all taxes by 20 per cent. would yield five milliard francs, and other measures, three milliard.

INDIAN MURDER.

COOL ADMISSION.

CALCUTTA, January 15.
Gopinath, the Bengalee arrested in connection with the murder of Mr. Day in a statement in court said he intended to kill Mr. Tegar, the Commissioner of Police, but unfortunately killed an innocent man. He hoped some patriot would complete his uncompleted task.

NORTH RHODESIA.

NEW GOVERNOR.

LONDON, January 15.
Sir Herbert James Stanley has been appointed Governor of North Rhodesia from April 1 when the Chartered Company's administration terminates. [The New Governor has had varied experience and has been Resident Commissioner of Southern and Northern Rhodesia.]

DUTCH GOVERNMENT.

TO CARRY ON.

THE HAGUE, January 15.
In the Second Chamber, Premier Beerenbroek declared that as there was no alternative to the ministry formed since the defeat of his government on October 26 over the question of building a fleet, and the continuation of the ministerial crisis is not in the interests of the country he had decided to accept the decision of the Chamber on October 26 and carry on the government. It was therefore intended that measures of naval defence would not be enacted until steps taken to effect financial equilibrium had been concluded.

OBITUARY.

The Earl of Warwick is dead. [Francis Richard Charles Guy Grenville, D.L., J.P., was First Deputy Grand Master of England.]

GREECE.

RELATIONS RESUMED.

LONDON, January 15.
Normal Anglo-Greek diplomatic relations have been resumed. Lord Cuxton is communicating the fact to the British Government's very confidence in M. Venizelos' ministry.

BRAVE WORDS.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S SPEECH.

EMPIRE AT THE CROSSROADS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 15.

Mr. S. M. Bruce in a speech at a farewell dinner of the Australian Natives' Association, presided over by Lord Denman, which was broadcasted to half a million listeners, contended that the peace of the world and the reduction of armaments would not be promoted by Britain alone disarming. He emphasised that the Dominions demanded a voice in the Empire's Foreign policy, but it was necessary also that the dominions should shoulder the obligations entailed to contribute to the defence of the Empire. Australia was fully prepared to shoulder both responsibilities and obligations and he hoped the other Dominions would recognise a similar obligation. The time had arrived to determine whether they were going to draw closer the links binding the Empire, or whether the Empire would gradually break up into several independent nations. He stressed Australia's desire to continue an integral part of the Empire and declared that Britain's grave problems in Europe would only be solvable if she undeviatingly and unhesitatingly followed a strong and definite policy.

That policy would only succeed if it had a united Empire behind it. Britain might ultimately be obliged to face the necessity of leaving Europe to its fate and concentrating on the Empire (cheers) to ensure that at least the Empire should remain sane in a world which appeared to have gone mad. (Cheers). The Empire was essential to Britain as Britain to the Empire. The strength of the Dominions was too often forgotten in Britain. He recalled their achievements in the war which were largely responsible for the victorious outcome. For one, great nation to strip itself of its powers of defence and the enforcement of its will was only encouraging the other powers to increase armaments. We were running straight towards another heavy blunder like the unreasonable reduction of the Air Force and by the hesitancy we were showing in the establishment of the Singapore base.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL NEEDS.

The ratio of 5-5-3 fixed at the Washington conference was non-existent in the Pacific where, without the Singapore base, Britain would be unable effectively to put a single capital ship. He declared emphatically that unless a base was built in the Pacific Britain would abdicate her position as a great naval power in the Pacific. Mr. Bruce pointed out that the American, Japanese and British naval authorities held that the capital ship was still the determining factor in naval war. He contended that world peace depended on the construction of the Singapore base. It would also add materially to the eventual reduction of armaments throughout the world.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

Dealing with the economic troubles of Britain Mr. Bruce declared as a result of his recent tour that the people of Britain did not realise the possibilities of the Empire. He stressed the necessity to stir their imagination and urged that the resolutions of the Economic Conference be carried out in their entirety on the ground of practical expediency, good sense and Empire unity. Britain was not bound but he was unable to believe that any Government of any shade of political opinion would hesitate to enforce them. If Britain did not like the tariff preferences Australia was prepared to discuss any other method of establishing closer Imperial trade relations. It was the duty of any Government coming into power to proceed with the constitution of a permanent economic committee recommended by the Economic Conference and to ensure that its personnel would carry the confidence of the people of Britain and of the Empire and such matters should be submitted thereto. Decisions at this critical hour might determine the whole future of the Empire and the destinies of the world (Applause).

GERMAN SEAMEN.

STRIKE CONTINUES.

LONDON, January 15.

Five German crews, totalling 100, struck at Cardiff in response to a message from the London Strike Committee calling on all German seamen in British ports to strike unless owners are prepared to give British seamen's rate of wages in British currency. The crew sent from Germany to man the steamer "Cardiff" sailed to a German company, refused to travel from London to Newport where the ship is berthed until the owners complied with the Strike Committee's order.

SUNKEN SUBMARINE.

CONTRADICTION: ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 15.

The Admiralty officially state that the wreck found by a diver yesterday off Portland is not the "L 24." The search is being continued.

LATER.
From Portland it is learned authoritatively that the local naval officials have now definitely decided that the wreck examined by a diver yesterday is the "L 24." The local authorities recommend the abandonment of the search in view of the extreme probability that the wreck will be located and because there is no prospect of salvage owing to the tides and depth of water.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS ABANDONED.

LATER.
The Admiralty announce that the wreck of the "L 24" has been definitely located but owing to its position salvage operations are impossible and have been abandoned.

CUSTOMS SURPLUS.

PRESENT POSITION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 15.
Interest in the Customs Surplus seems to have died down. No new hand-bills have been seen for over a week and no more has been heard of petitions to Dr. Sun from various organisations. It is rumoured that another source of revenue will be explored, which if found practicable, will bring in larger sum. A levy on opium and opium lamps is the idea said to be mooted while a Canton monopoly tenderer says that it will be made under the guise of a sale of opium relief medicine. Apparently, the internal military trouble which caused a mild sensation, has been temporarily patched up but it is felt that the smouldering embers can be easily fanned into a fire again. Each military faction under Dr. Sun is reported as devising its own means to raise funds.

A definite announcement has been made that workmen have been sent to repair the telegraph lines to Hongkong. It is stated that troops are still being moved about and that a number of river junks have been requisitioned for the purpose.

A NEW BANK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WUCHOW, January 14.
From Nanning comes the report that Lak Wing-tung is to float a bank which will aim at the improvement of the paper currency which has descended to the level of a joke.

Shun Hung-yung's subordinates are active near Kwei-lin, Ping Lok and Ho Yuen. A few junks and vessels have been taken over to move his troops but the general transport of Kwangsi products is now restricted. Things are quiet in Wuchow but money is scarce.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The strike of German seamen in British Ports continues.

The search for the submarine L24 is to be abandoned.

Normal diplomatic relations with Greece have been resumed.

The Mexican Legation in London states the rebels have returned in disorder.

Fifty fatalities are reported in the latest Japanese earthquake. No foreigners have been killed or injured.

A joint committee of the Lancashire employers and employees have agreed to a scheme of control in the section engaged in American cotton.

The Bengalee murderer says he killed an innocent man. He hopes some one will complete his uncompleted task. He intended to shoot the Commissioner of Police.

Scientific circles are stirred by the verification of Signor Benadatti's seismic predictions. All seismographs yesterday registered violent and long-continued shocks 10,000 kilometres away.

YING WA PROGRESS.

TENTH ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The progress of the Ying Wa College from its re-founding as the Anglo-Chinese College ten years ago by the Chinese Christian Church with the aid of the London Missionary Society to the present day, was traced by the Rev. L. G. Phillips, B.D., the headmaster, in his report given at the tenth annual prize distribution this morning. He said that the school had steadily progressed until now the limit of its capacity for receiving students had been reached, and with the aid of the Government Grant, it was financially on its own feet.

In the first term of this year the enrolment was 177; in the second 223, and in the third a few more boys were squeezed in, and a great many had to be turned away. There was a great demand for more beds. Nearly all the boys who were not promoted at the end of the year left to go to other schools, yet not one application had been made for a transfer certificate. It would be a great advantage if steps could be taken to put a stop to this bad habit, continued the headmaster. The system of transfer certificates was ineffective unless adopted by all schools.

A new Physics Lab. was opened, upon which \$1,200 had already been spent in apparatus; new classrooms were added, and a spacious building was erected as an assembly hall. These improvements helped a great deal towards efficiency.

WEAK IN ENGLISH.

The University Results in Class I were very disappointing. Out of eleven boys only one passed Matric, and one Senior Local. The English Essay and Dictation proved the stumbling block in most cases. The English in Ying Wa was undoubtedly weak, added Mr. Phillips, largely because of too rapid promotions in the past, and it would take some time to remedy it.

The attendance average for the second half of 1923 was very poor. "I do wish parents would understand that what they call important business is a great hindrance to their boys' progress," said the headmaster. "Excuses are sent to me, properly signed, for all manner of minor complaints, from a cold in the stomach, to nose-ache; and birthdays, weddings and funerals of relatives of all degrees of affinity are often regarded as more important than attendance at school."

The student activities had expressed themselves in many ways: A Health Committee had done good work. Inspectors appointed by each class were always on the look out for crime; offenders were brought to trial before Judge and Jury, and sentenced to fines according to the gravity of their offence. Doctors have also been invited to come and lecture on questions of Hygiene and Sanitation. During the Summer Vacation eleven of the senior boys gave their time to teaching in the Ying Wa Vacation School, conducted in our premises for the good of the poor boys of the neighbourhood, of whom 120 benefited in this way. Concerts have been organised as usual, one on October 10 and one at Xmas time, and the boys have raised from their own pockets considerable sums of money for charitable purposes: \$88 for the Japan Disaster Relief Fund, \$35 for the Chinese Home Missionary Society, and \$24 for the Ho Mui Ling Hospital.

In athletics, the school was greatly hampered by lack of ground but basket ball and football had been played fully vigorously. The Swimming Club was well patronised; an instructor was engaged and many boys learned to swim. It was hoped that by means of these various activities, a healthy school spirit would one day be secured.

The School Y.M.C.A. has done excellent work during the year, went on Mr. Phillips. A census, taken at the end of the year, showed that while in the bottom classes the proportion of Christian students was only 25%, in the top class it was 73%, that for the whole school being about 53%.

One of the chief events of the year has been the blossoming into life of the Old Boys' Association, which held its first annual dinner last summer. Plans to form this O.B.A. had been considered by Mr. Hughes before his death, and now his work had borne fruit.

Various projects had been formed by the School Committee to purchase their own premises but they were still uncertain about future location. Certainly on this important question would enable them to plan and go ahead boldly with improvements, and would remove a constant source of anxiety.

Lady Severn, who distributed the prizes, was heartily cheered by the enthusiastic students.

The Rev. M. W. Pearce, LL.D., was in the chair. The prize winners were: UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION PRIZES: Class I.—(Matriculation Exam.) Leung, Sik-hong; Senior Local: Cheung, Heng-cha; Mathematics Special Prize: Ip, Tuen-sing.

Class II.—(Junior Local): Ho Pak-ping, Lam Tuk-cheong, Li Yu-chung, Lo Heng-hoi, Tsang Chiu-yan, Un Kwai-wa, Wong Yui-chee, Yung Chun-wing, Yung Kai-tai.

CLASS PRIZES.

Class III.—1st, Yung Kai-yin; 2nd, Sung San-tin; 3rd, Wan Yeh-hing; "Hughes Scholarship," Yung Kai-yin.

Class IV.—1st, Tso Sun-hon; 2nd, Chau Ting-chee; 3rd, Kwan Man-wai.

Class V.—1st, Liu Chim-cho; 2nd, Wong Chun-fun; 3rd, Chin Yui-fah.

Class VI.—1st, Yung Kai-wan; 2nd, Leung Yik-kwong; 3rd, Sin Ping-kwan.

Class VII.—1st, Wong Yan-chiu; 2nd, Fung Wai-ki; 3rd, Siu Kam-ming.

Class VIII.—1st, Lau To-kwong; 2nd, Lo Cho-lan; 3rd, Leung Tze-hong.

Class VIIIa.—1st, Fu Sai-kow; 2nd, Tang Shiu-fung; 3rd, Leung Kwan-wai.

PRIZES FOR CHINESE.

Class I.—Leung Sik-hong.

Class II.—Lam Tak-leung.

Class III.—Yung Kai-yin.

Class IV.—Tso Sun-hon.

Class V.—Liu Chim-cho.

Class VI.—Lam Cho-yan and Yung Kai-wan.

Class VII.—Wong Yan-chiu.

Class VIII.—Tso Chung-hong.

Class VIIIa.—Pak Ching-chow.

PRIZES FOR DRAWING.

Class V.—Yeung Wai-ait and Ng Si-yuk.

Class VI.—Woo Kwong-kau.

Class VII.—Li Chau.

Class VIII.—To On-hong.

Class VIIIa.—Li Shiu-nam.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES.

Tsang Chiu-yan, Wong To-pui, Wan Yeh-hing, Sung Shou-tin, Yung Kai-yin, So Sing-tak, Kong Yan-loi, Chan Fung-hui, Lau To-kwong, Tang Shiu Lau, Ng Tai-kwan, Yung Kai-wan, Lo Kwok-yuen.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Senior Athletic Champion.—Ip Tai-pai.

Headmaster's Prize for School Prize.—Wong Chor-woon.

For good work done in connection with the Library.—Yung Kai-tai.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 1923/4.

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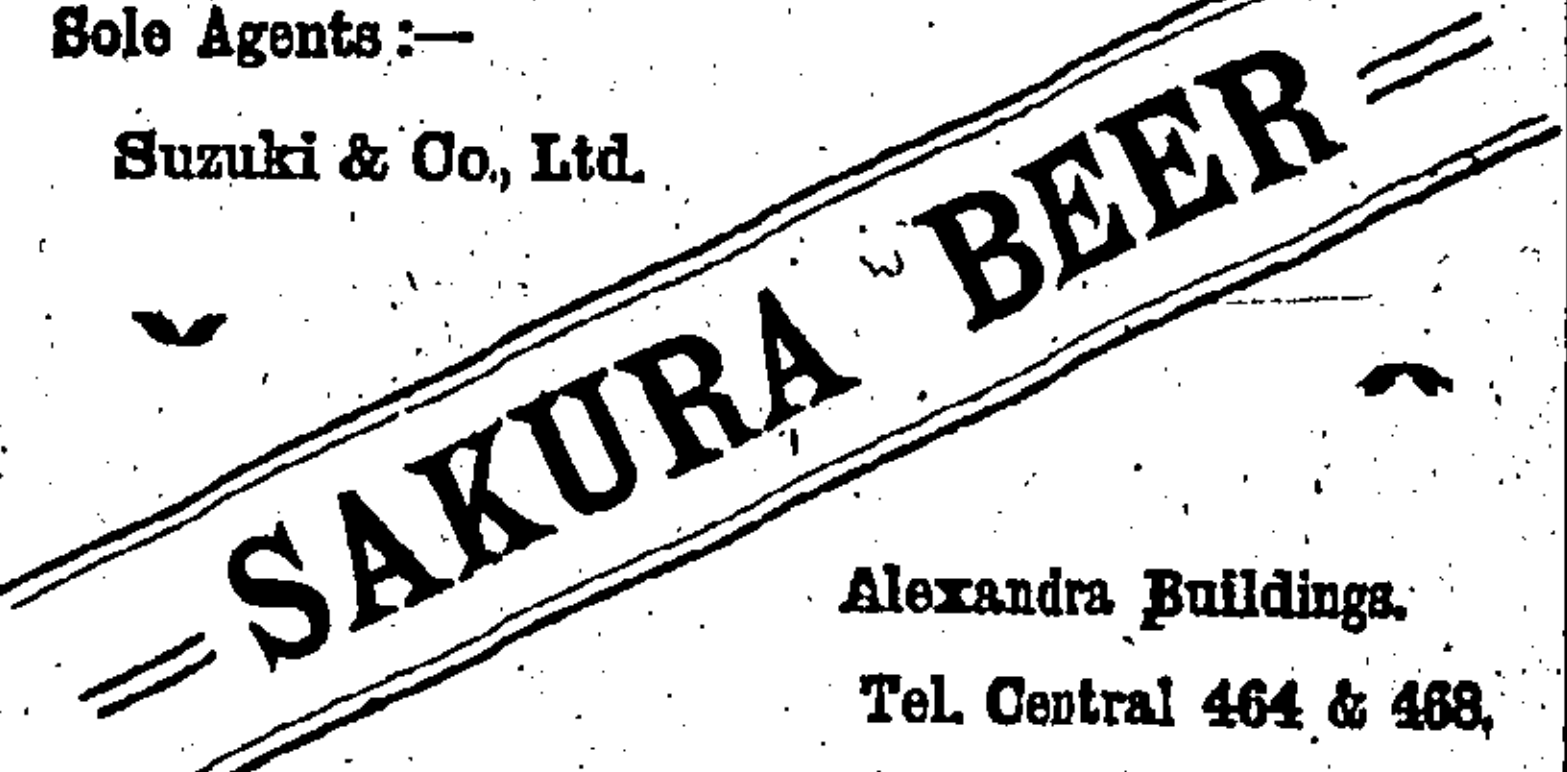
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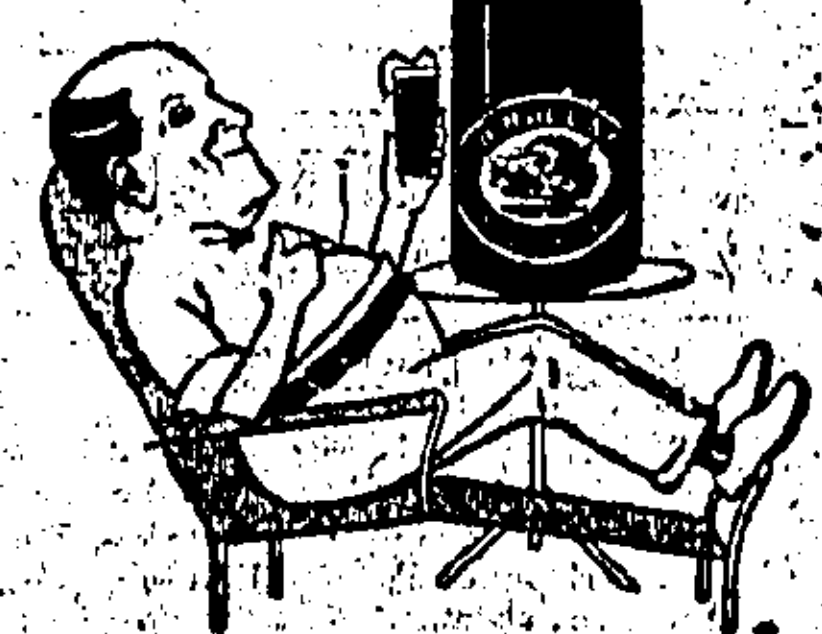
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"KRYBER"	9,014	28th Apr.	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,954	14th Apr.	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
"SOUDEAN"	9,036	16th Apr.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,333	17th May	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,969	18th May	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
"KALWA"	9,087	31st May	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp

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"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th Feb.	Moji and Kobe.
"KRYBER"	9,014	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NELORE"	8,851	6th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,954	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,913	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,969	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Apr.	Moji and Kobe.
"SOUDEAN"	9,036	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"KALWA"	9,087	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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Liver, — Chu Koon ... "	lb.	58	53
Chop, — Chu Pal Kwai ... "	39	25	21
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(A Novel described by a China Mail reader.)

Broke of Covenden is introduced to us in the author's allegorical preface where he is chosen as chief actor in a comedy of civilization produced by the "God of Irving" for the amusement of Olympus.

Edmund Broke is a staid country squire boasting a long line of ancestors extending back to the golden age of Knighthood. He owes his appearance in this story solely because he is essentially a man of the twelfth century projected unreasonably into our enlightened twentieth; "Preserved miraculously like a saurian embedded in rock." Nothing is changed in him but his hat and tailcoat; he carries an umbrella and sits in Parliament with a black silk hat, but, "scratches him and you find a feudal baron."

The curtain rises on Mr. Broke in the bosom of his family; Mrs. Broke—a loyal wife and devoted mother, six sprightly daughters and a son William in the "Big Game" who, like a gentleman, has already learned to live beyond his income.

The family's financial position is far from sound; disaster threatens and is only delayed by the tact, wisdom and efficiency of Mrs. Broke. She is unable to bring her husband to see the full significance of the situation whose pride blinds him to all mundane matters. There is one ray of hope, however, in the form of Maud Weyling, a wealthy heiress of noble descent, whom it is hoped will one day become the wife of William. In fact their names had already been coupled in the Society journals much to William's embarrassment who shows his disapproval by secretly marrying a Bond Street shop assistant. The staggering news was conveyed to Mrs. Broke in a breezy letter from her beloved Billy. Sorely grieved as she was at this flagrant act of disloyalty, the mother determines to make the best of a bad job and installs her humble daughter-in-law in a furnished cottage on the Covenden estate. The news of his son's betrothal to such a lowly personage was a tremendous blow to Mr. Broke's pride and he retaliated by forbidding his son the house or his name to be mentioned therein and reduced his allowance to two hundred pounds per annum. In consequence Billy is obliged to resign his commission in the Horse Guards and decides to try his luck in South Africa in the hope of ultimately becoming entirely independent of his meagre allowance.

Broke's unreasonable pride receives its next stunning blow through the medium of his youngest daughter Delia. Delia had had a learned tutor of humble parentage who had resigned his position to take up a more lucrative one on a London journal. During a brief visit to his native town, this young gentleman meets Delia under somewhat romantic circumstances and they declare their love for one another. The young man approaches Mr. Broke to ask his consent to their marriage. The father refuses to discuss the matter but finds himself no match in mere words for this audacious youth. An angry scene results and Mr. Broke takes down his battle axe. The lover is defeated by brute force and left bleeding and unconscious on the gravel path. Delia is absent when this scene is enacted and only becomes acquainted with an outline of the facts some weeks later when she cunningly extracts the information from her Uncle Charles, Lord Bosket. She immediately sets out without food or money for London and is later found by her Uncle, lame, dusty and all but fainting by the roadside within a few miles of the metropolis. She is unable to return at once to Covenden and moreover flatly refuses to do so with a stubbornness equalled only by that of her father. Lord Bosket explains the circumstances in a letter to Delia's mother and Mr. Broke, in spite of his wife's earnest pleadings, for lenience promptly replies forbidding his daughter to return. On receipt of this unimane letter, Uncle Charles takes sides with the daughter and assists in the lovers' marriage arrangements afterwards receiving Mrs. Broke's thanks for his action and Lady Bosket's storn disapproval which, latter led to a violent though somewhat amusing domestic scene.

Harriet, another of Broke's daughters, submits without protest or enthusiasm to her parents' wish for her to marry Lord Wimbledon, a middle aged gentleman of indifferent health and rich only in blue blood.

With the approach of Christmas the Brokes loose their eldest daughter Joan in a hunting accident and this catastrophe is closely followed by the news of William's death in action in the Boer War; just as he had become the possessor of a fortune amounting to a quarter

IN THE VALLEY.

JOHN ORIEL DISCOURSES.

(With apologies to Sir Roger de Coverley)

My friend John Oriel was sitting in a wicker chair by one of the Club bowling-grounds in the valley, as I approached him he rose from his seat in his courteous fashion and commanded the "boy" to bring me another chair. When we were again comfortably relaxed and I had replied to his questions regarding my health and business, he walked out over the fields where sports were in progress, seeming sadly.

"Are we improved," he began, "who have to substitute for the natural pursuit of food so artificial a form of exercise as any of these? Here you are bowling, a resort of those inclined to my own figure; tennis, a one sided game, compressing immense exertion into a short space of time; football, a survival of our habit of clearing undergrowth with the feet; and most primeval of all, baseball, which at least achieves the impression of slaying animals with hurled stones, and the rush whereby safety was attained from some devouring jaws. What have we gained in playing thus for amusement and exercise, where our possibly happier fathers served both the Mammon of their stomachs and the god of amorous competition for the smiles of a naked little savage would take a necklace of tiger-teeth as to-day her painted descendant accepts one of pearls?"

"But certainly," I said, "the comparative safety of life to-day makes for the development of the higher faculties."

"What faculty," he rejoined a little tartly, as I thought, "is as high as the skill of the trapper, or the constructive thought of him who first conceived the idea of auto-cracy?" He smiled a little, and proceeded: "Will you contend that a factory hand, performing one operation counters times, exercises a higher faculty than the first, or that a politician, piling precedent on a contradictory precedent, is more worthy of our admiration than the second, who evolved the primitive council and the figure-head of a hereditary chieftain from nothing? I should smile," he said, smiling himself at my apprehension of an Americanism which we both detest, "to see Alfred the Great and Lord Beaconsfield taking part in a competitive contest on equal terms, I have not read any of your later writers, nor have I perused their speeches, but what I hear leads me to believe that the political art or science of to-day is no more worthy of attention than was that which built up the fabric of the nineteenth century."

I suggested that perhaps an opportunity was now lacking for so immense a work as Alfred's codification of government, modern politicians laboured under that disadvantage.

"Yes," he replied, as we rose to leave the valley, "as greed is their disadvantage that it would be better to discard the modern system in its entirety and to rebuild it by the exercise of those very faculties which now we have, perforce to neglect."

The valley tram squeaked grudgingly round the corner, and we parted for that evening.

—TIMON.

of a million pounds left him by Mr. Beckett, a self made man and much disposed friend of Mr. Broke. William's wife, who has gained the affections of Mrs. Broke and her outcast daughter Delia, is about to become a mother. On the evening of the event Mrs. Broke makes a last grand fight to bring her husband to see the maddening unreason of his pride and attempt to bring about a family reconciliation. She retires apparently defeated in her object and sends her way to her daughter-in-law's cottage, where Delia is already waiting. Delia submits to her mother's entreaties to forgive her father on condition that her husband approves. Delia's husband is sent for and, shortly after his arrival, to the surprise and awe of everyone, Mr. Broke, a ghost of his former self, enters the house and sits on a chair as one in a trance. His wife leave him to go to her daughter-in-law and later descends the stairs with a baby boy. She holds the child out to her husband who mechanically takes it from her. Mrs. Broke leaves him thus and sends her daughter and son-in-law to him. The old man holding the baby with one hand extends the other to Delia; and on this scene the curtain falls.

The story is essentially a pathetic one but is relieved by many amusing incidents much of which is contributed by the lovable Uncle Charles. The characterisation is excellent and there is not a single dull page in the whole 460 to which the book extends. It is a good story, skillfully written, but, ends, perhaps, rather too abruptly. One feels that it could quite well be continued in the form of a sequel.

I. D.
"Broke of Covenden," by J. G. Smith. John Long 2/6.

THE MEDICAL YEAR BOOK 1924.

A copy of this Annual has reached our hands, and a few words dealing with its more prominent features may not come amiss to our readers. This Year Book marks a new departure in Medical publication and one is somewhat surprised that the profession has been so long without this *vademecum*. A compilation of this kind is always rather difficult to review. From the nature of its contents it appeals more specially to the Medical and Allied Professions, and fulfills in their regard much the same purpose as "Pear's Cyclopaedia" or "Whitaker's Almanac" does for the general public.

Its special object is to serve as a handy guide to the current activities of the Profession in the United Kingdom, and the following summary of the contents will show that the volume serves its purpose and justifies its existence. Of interest to the Profession at large are—

(1) The Diary of forthcoming meetings during the year October 1923—Sept. 1924.

(2) The Data concerning the Ministry of Health and other related bodies.

(3) Notices and Regulations of the General Council of Medical Education; while the lists dealing with the various Universities of Great Britain granting Medical and Surgical degrees, together with the hospitals giving clinical instruction afford valuable information for would-be undergraduates with regard to Examinations, Fees and Costs of Medical Education.

The lists of Hospitals, both Metropolitan and Provincial, should prove useful, especially in view of the very complete lists of their Medical Staffs; while the classified list of Consultants, Specialists, etc., attached to the Hospitals and similar institutions both in London and the Provinces, will tend to save the time and energy of many a hard working practitioner.

Another item of general interest is the list of medical Members of Parliament, and the Parliamentary and Medical-Legal News for the Session 1922-1923, while the section dealing with the Military and Naval Medical Services contains useful information.

Finally, there is a list of Medical Societies and Nursing Homes and Associations, together with a list of the medical works published in Great Britain from October 1922 to August 1923.

Three valuable papers on Insulin and Diabetes; on Cancer, and on the Principles of Chemotherapy, embody the latest views on these important subjects. More particularly would we draw attention to the newer conceptions with regard to the nature of disease, adumbrated in the article on Chemotherapy.

A good index renders reference easy. On the whole, the work is well compiled, the print and paper are good, and altogether up to the high standard one associates with the firm of William Heinemann, Ltd.

—Y. F. F.

POINTS OF VIEW.

I felt like a pauper in the United States.—Sir Alfred Mond.

Everything hinges on our having an adequate population.—Mr. S. M. Bruce.

However far you go you cannot get away from yourself.—Mr. Stephen Graham.

It is said we are here to help others; then what are the others here for?—Lord Dwyer.

Think how dreadful life would be if we spoke on one note all the time.—Sir Landon Ronald.

It isn't the slightest use fling people who drive vehicles when drunk.—Mr. Basil Watson.

Nobody had traumatic neurasthenia when I was appointed to the Bench.—Mr. Justice Darling.

There are no worse furnished homes in the world than the homes of England.—Mr. S. D. Bianco.

Coterles of theoretical free lovers can have no effect except to produce a Puritan reaction.—Dean Inge.

The French are the most scientific feeders; and this accounts for their exceptional vitality.—Mr. Grant Ramsey.

The anti-vaccinists have not a man of science among them—they are simply cranks and faddists.—Rev. C. E. Somerville.

To me it appears positively wicked with the present state of unemployment in England we should be diverting 20 millions to Singapore for native labour.—Admiral Sir Percy Scott.

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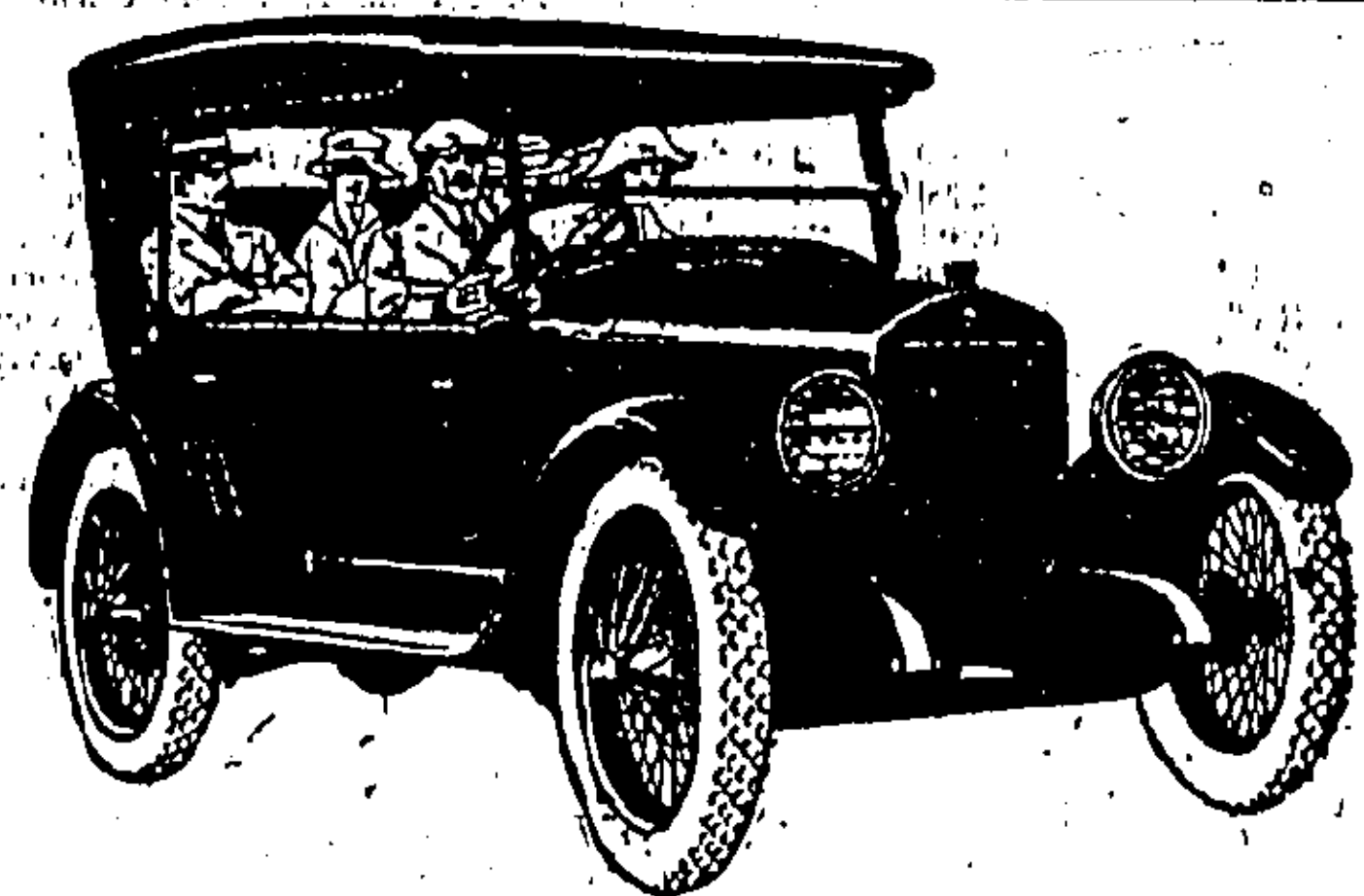
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The winner is
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who obtained 629 points. Mr. Fung Chuen should apply to the Management of the Coronet Theatre who will be pleased to give him a cheque for the \$50 prize. Two other entrants each had 628 points while another competitor had two coupons each of which obtained 626.

The correct solution is as follows:-

1. MARY PICKFORD
2. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
3. HAROLD LLOYD
4. NORMA TALMADGE
5. CHARLIE CHAPLIN
6. LILLIAN GISH
7. JACKIE COOGAN
8. CONSTANCE TALMADGE
9. RICHARD BARTHELMMESS
10. RUDOLPH VALENTINO
11. NAZIMOVA
12. DOROTHY GISH

One coupon was filled in so that it included all the twelve names in the correct solution but the order in which they were put was such that the total number of marks came to less than 629.

A lady competitor gave all twelve places to lady stars while one of the sterner sex gave all to men.

Another competitor was tactful enough to fill in one coupon by giving the first six places to actresses and the bottom half to actors, a second coupon in just the reverse way with a third vote in which men and ladies were given the odd and even numbers. At least three of four coupons had D. W. Griffith in the first or second place.

Mary Pickford had the biggest number of individual votes in addition to getting the highest points, although Douglas Fairbanks was not far behind. Harold Lloyd was third in number of votes by a small margin but the points he received were considerably less than those for Fairbanks. Norma Talmadge and Jackie Coogan were close together, fourth and fifth, for number of votes, with Charlie Chaplin sixth, Constance Talmadge seventh, Lillian Gish eighth, Rudolph Valentino ninth, Richard Barthelmess close behind him, tenth. Nazimova was eleventh and Dorothy Gish twelfth. In order of points, Norma Talmadge was a good fourth and Charlie Chaplin a poor fifth. A fair distance further back were Nos. 6, 7 and 8 all close together, with the last four strung out at regular intervals.

Douglas Fairbanks had the most support for first position, but Mary Pickford had only a few votes less for the premier position, and Norma Talmadge was not much further behind. However, Mary topped the list for second place, with Doug, and Harold Lloyd bracketed together next. The spectacular comedian came out first in the race for third and fourth positions.

Looking at the voting from another point of view, over 70 per cent of the votes cast for Mary Pickford were put in the first three positions. About 84 per cent of Douglas Fairbanks' votes were put in the first four places. Of those for Harold Lloyd, nearly two-thirds were found in Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the coupons. Nearly 70 per cent of the votes recorded for Norma Talmadge were very evenly distributed between the first six positions. The reason why Jackie Coogan's name is lower down the correct solution than others which received a smaller number of votes is that there were very few voters who put his name in the first three positions, 65 per cent being found in places Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

SIGNALLING EXERCISES.
INTERESTING RECORD.

Out of a total of 162 signalling exercises carried out by His Majesty's ships in the China Seas during the past quarter, 43 were with ships of the China Navigation Company, 21 with Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, 10 with Canadian Pacific Steamships, 9 with P. & O. steam Navigation Company, 8 with Blue Funnel Line.

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LAWN BOWLS.
TWO LEAGUE DIVISIONS
THIS YEAR.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association held at the Post Office building last night, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephens said that the balance sheet showed a deficit of \$165, due chiefly to the heavy expenditure incurred in entertaining the Interpart team from Shanghai, which amounted to \$724. Four clubs had not sent in their donations of \$200 each in connection with the Interpartors' visit and when these donations had been paid the Association would have a small credit balance.

Supporting the President were Mr. Gow (Vice-President), Mr. D. Harvey (Chairman), Mr. C. J. Tacchi (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. J. Reid, Mr. W. Adamson and representatives of the various lawn bowls Clubs.

Suggestions regarding the alterations of the Association's rules were then discussed. A proposed amendment, described by the chairman as a very sound one, was that the sum of \$10 as entrance fee to the League be deleted, the amount to be decided before the League starts. This was adopted as was also an amendment to rule No. 14 to the effect that the League Cup is to become the property of the Club which has won it for three years in succession or five years in all, instead of two and three years as formerly.

FORMING A LEAGUE.
Dealing with the formation of the League this year the secretary said that it was necessary to run two divisions. There would be two more entrants, making ten in all, which made it desirable to split the League into two sections so that the competition could be completed early. It was decided that the League be formed of two divisions, the first of which will consist of the five senior clubs, the highest teams in the second divisions, to be admitted to the first and the bottom teams in that division to be relegated to the second division.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Ogilvie and seconded by Mr. W. Wotherspoon that there be only one division, each team to play one match and the venue to be drawn for, was defeated.

Mr. Tacchi read a letter from the English Bowls Association stating that under the regulations of the E. B. A. the Hongkong Association could not be admitted as a full member, but could become an associate member on payment of the necessary fee.

The meeting decided that the Secretary send an application to the E. B. A. for affiliation.

The secretary suggested that an unfinished League match, interrupted by rain or from other causes, be entirely replayed with no previous scores to count, by mutual consent of the opposing teams, the date to be selected by the Committee. If that course were not approved, the match must be completed with the same teams and at the same link and scores at which the game was suspended.

After a discussion it was decided to leave the matter to the club captains concerned. The chairman announced that Mr. J. Reid has consented to present a cup for the second division, to be played for on the same conditions as that for the first division. The offer brought forth much applause.

The President then presented gold medals to the following officials for services rendered during the year 1922:—Mr. J. Reid (Ex-President), Mr. J. H. Mody (Ex-Vice-President) and Mr. W. Russell (Ex-Chairman).

The election of officers resulted as follows:—The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, President; Mr. B. W. Bradbury, Vice-President; Mr. A. Hamilton, Chairman; Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Before the meeting closed Mr. J. Grant (Police Recreation Club) suggested that up-to-date rules be posted up at every club for reference when a dispute arose during a game. A dispute occurred in the course of a game at the Police Club last week and a search was made at the Club for a book of rules, but without success.

The secretary said copies of the international rules had been sent to the various clubs. If any club needed them they could apply to him.

Appreciation of the services of the hon. secretary and the retiring president was shown with the adoption of hearty votes of thanks.

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MURDER TRIAL.
PROMINENT OFFICIALS
PRESENT.

Admiral Chan Chak and Mr. Chow Leo, Canton Finance Commissioner, were present at the concluding stages of the murder trial before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. The Chinese youth arrested on Connaught Road Central one night over a month ago, after Mrs. Chow Leo had been shot as she left the S.S. "Kinshan" from Canton, was found not guilty. Quite a number of well-to-do people were present to hear the verdict and interest was maintained until the Court had risen. The Attorney General prosecuted and Mr. N. L. Brewer (instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli) defended.

After our edition had gone to press yesterday, Mr. Brewer addressed the jury. He claimed that the evidence for the prosecution had been full of inaccuracies. Like that of the chair coolies, the deceased's husband's testimony was unsatisfactory on many points. Mr. Brewer dwelt at some length on the entire absence of motive; so far as the youthful prisoner was concerned, it was neither robbery nor passion.

Replying for the Crown, the Attorney General said that in a case like this there were bound to be some minor inaccuracies. It was only natural that there should be disagreement on unimportant details as everybody was excited at the time of shooting. Had the Crown witnesses agreed down to the merest detail it would have cast suspicion on them. He submitted that all the evidence pointed to the fact that the man in the dock was the man who committed the crime.

In his summing up, the Chief Justice remarked that the onus was most certainly upon the prosecution to prove that the man in the dock was the actual murderer. A point in his favour was that he had elected to go into the witness box and tell his story himself. There was no evidence of motive. On the matter of the alleged inaccuracies, his Lordship said the jury must consider whether there were such material differences in the evidence as to lead them to reject the evidence. The jury deliberated for about ten minutes and at the end of that time returned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

WHO'S WHO.
CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain A. MacDonald, from reserve, has gone master, "Newchwang."

Captain C. S. Isbister, of the "Newchwang," is on reserve.

Captain J. A. McCulloch, from leave, has gone master, "Sinkiang."

Captain A. McDowell, of the "Sinkiang," is on reserve.

Mr. E. Warren, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chengtu."

Mr. A. S. Reid, second officer, "Hanyang," is on reserve.

B. Anderson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Hanyang."

Mr. W. E. Steel, chief officer, "Shuntien," has resigned.

Mr. W. J. Larter, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Shuntien."

Mr. A. N. McDonald, chief engineer, "Ichang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. B. S. Nucator, from leave, has gone chief engineer, "Ichang."

Mr. J. J. McLeavy, acting chief officer, "Kingsing," has gone second officer, "Kiangwo."

Mr. J. Pittendrigh, second officer, "Kiangwo," is on leave.

Mr. D. C. Murphy, sup'y third engineer, "Taisang," has gone third engineer, "Wosang."

Mr. A. Parr, third engineer, "Wosang," has resigned.

Mr. T. S. Holmes, from leave, has gone chief engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. G. Collins, acting chief engineer, "Tuckwo," has gone second engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. E. McNab, acting second engineer, "Tuckwo," has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. A. Haughey, second engineer, "Tingsang," has gone second engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. G. A. Elias has been appointed second officer, "Huichow."

Mr. L. V. Rowe, second officer, "Huichow," is on leave.

Mr. A. L. Jones, sup'y second officer, "Fatsan," has gone acting chief officer, "Huichow."

Mr. F. H. W. Graybrook, chief officer, "Huichow," is on reserve.

Captain E. D. Blackburn, of the "Chinhu," has retired.

Captain G. Byers, from reserve, has gone master, "Chinhu."

Mr. J. W. Cartwright, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Leung Kwong."

Captain J. P. Sparling, from reserve, has gone master, "Tin Sing." Captain W. F. O'Farrell, of the "Tin Sing," has retired.

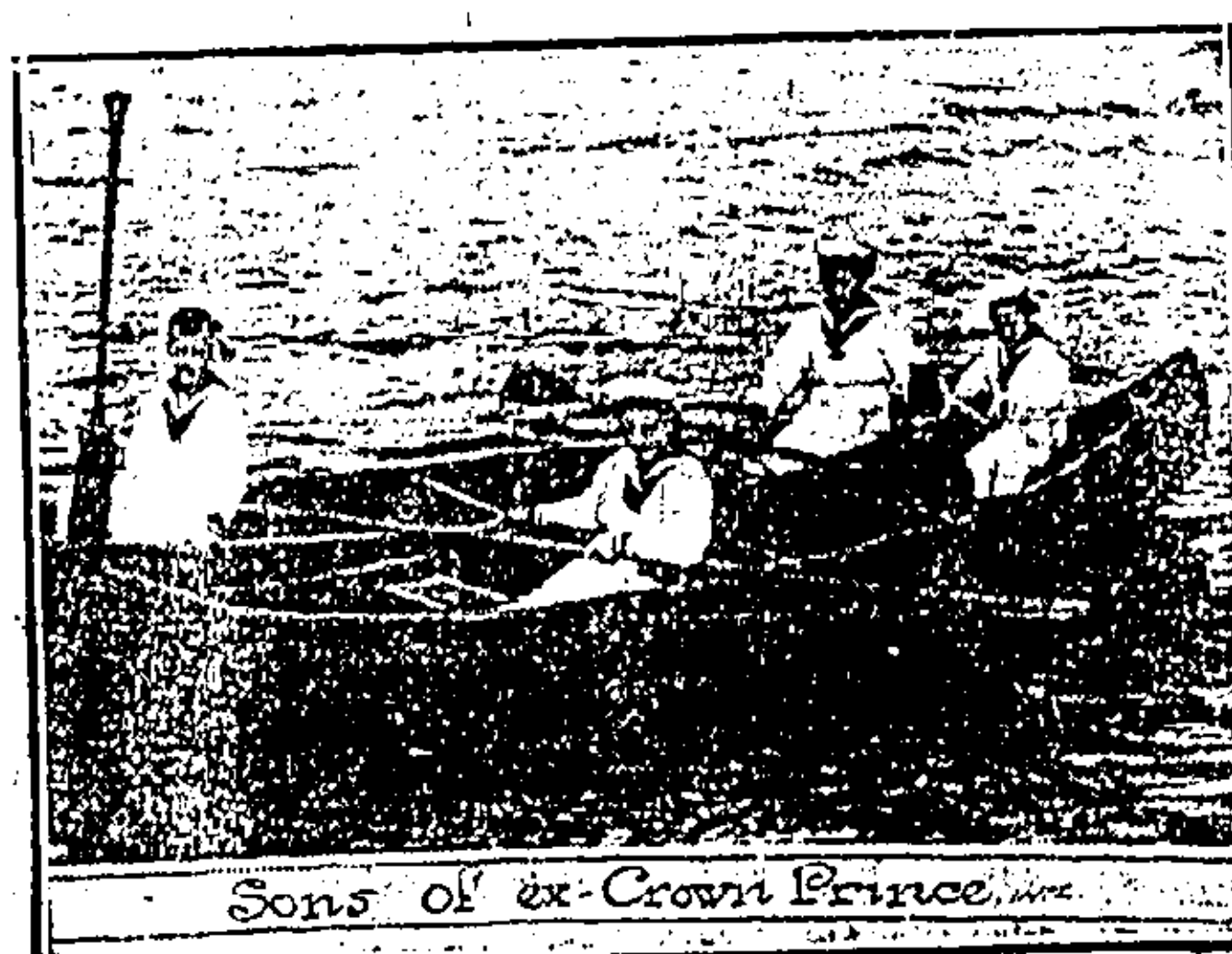
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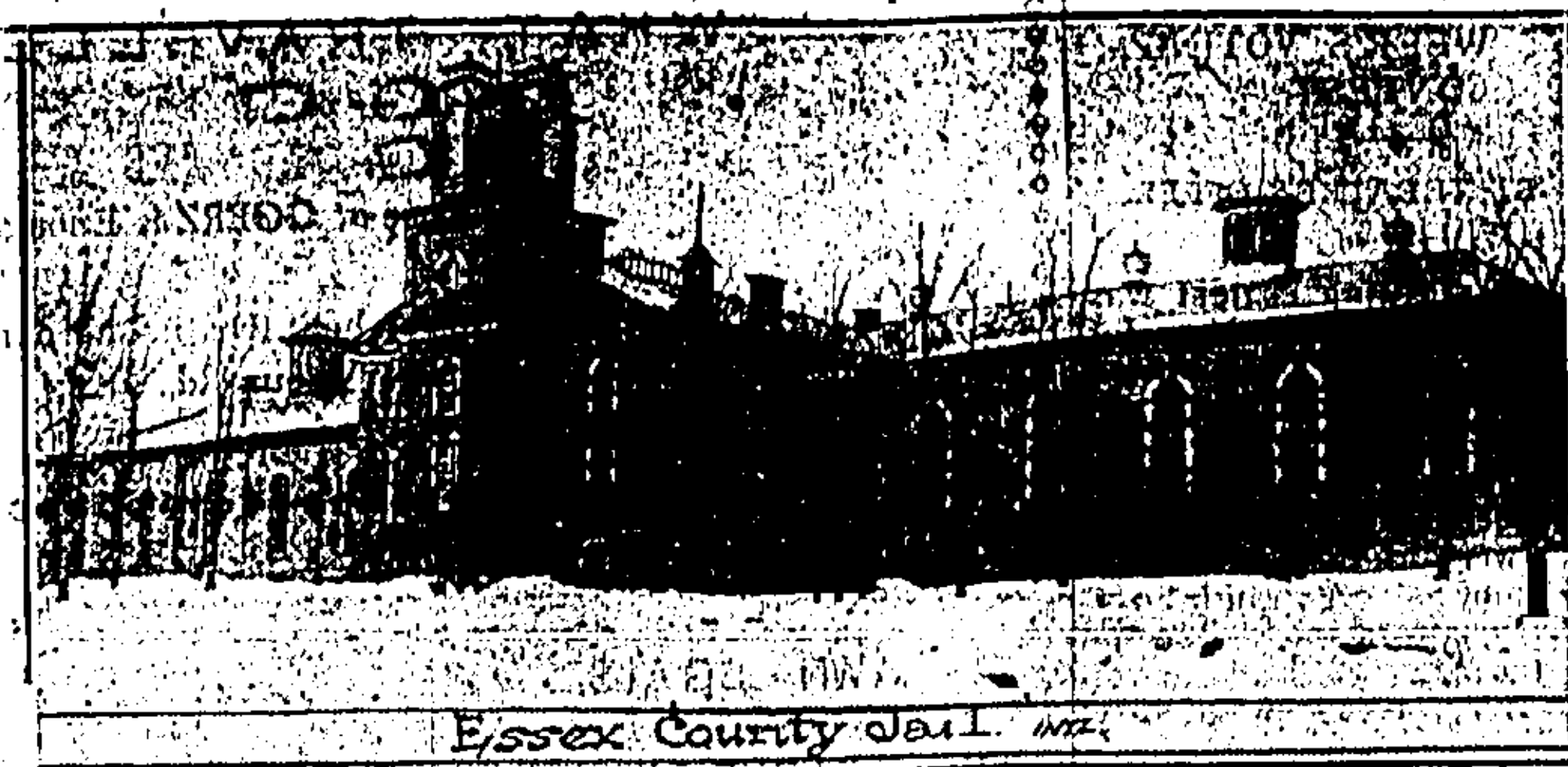
Miss Marie Murray is exhibiting a complete crystal receiving radio set built in and on an ordinary telephone receiver. It is one of the sets entered by the children of public and parochial schools in the Radio Show in Chicago.



When she was a little girl, playmates threatened to bury Helen Hamilton, alive. The terror ruptured her heart, and now she is dying, on the eve of her thirteenth birthday. Her gallant fight for life and her pitiful plea for a wrist-watch, which led newspapermen to give her a pretty gold one, have attracted the attention and the prayers of the whole State. Her mother, a poor seamstress, was forced by the landlord to give up her room because of the publicity, and the dying girl was carried to a neighbouring home, where a kindly landlady cares for them. Medical science can do nothing, but the girl, firmly religious, is dying happily, surrounded by scores of gifts from unknown friends. She prayed only to be allowed to live until her birthday.



Above is a new and hitherto unpublished photograph of the four sons of the ex-Crown Prince of Germany. The entry into Germany of Friedrich Wilhelm, who had lived for five years in exile in Holland, has created the impression that an effort will be made to restore the Hohenzollern dynasty on the throne of Germany.



This is the Essex County Jail, at Newark, N. J., where Charles L. Craig, Comptroller of the City of New York, must serve a term of 60 days under a sentence imposed upon him by Federal Judge Julius L. Mayer, who charged him with contempt of court. The contempt charged was contained in a letter written by Mr. Craig about the Judge's decisions in matters pertaining to transit affairs in which the City of New York was interested.



Because ex-Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, is a good deal of what he calls a "barbarian" and a lover of the "great open spaces, where men are men," he and Mrs. Osborn have agreed to separate after 42 years of married life. Mrs. Osborn is directly opposed to the Governor in temperament, preferring the cities and "civilization." Mr. Osborn's fortune of more than \$1,000,000 has been divided between his wife and children—two sons and two daughters.



John H. Clark, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, who resigned to lead the fight to take America into the League of Nations, in an article published in the American Bar Association Journal, suggests that the United States Supreme Court in future shall decline to hold an act of Congress unconstitutional when several of the judges conclude it is valid. Expressing opposition to Congressional restrictions on the court, he wants the court to limit its own powers.



Above is pictured Miss Mayme Tichenor, of Louisville, who is known throughout the entire Blue Grass State as "Kentucky's Sunshine Girl." An invalid for 20 years, her hands deformed by rheumatism, the stricken woman has never been known to speak an unkind word, nor even to frown in anger or pain. Despite her disabilities she is an expert knitter. "Where there's a will there's a way" is her constant motto.



Above is a portrait of Sir Lewis Newton, newly elected Lord Mayor of London, in his robes of office, taken at a special sitting immediately after he donned the full regalia.



For more than 30 years M. Haillen has stood guard over the French Chamber of Deputies when it was in session in Paris. He was there, as usual, at the opening session last month. Like Cerberus, he keeps the door and challenges any stranger. He remembers many notables of French politics. On his uniform he wears the badge of the Legion of Honour, the Medaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre, won for heroic acts in the World War.



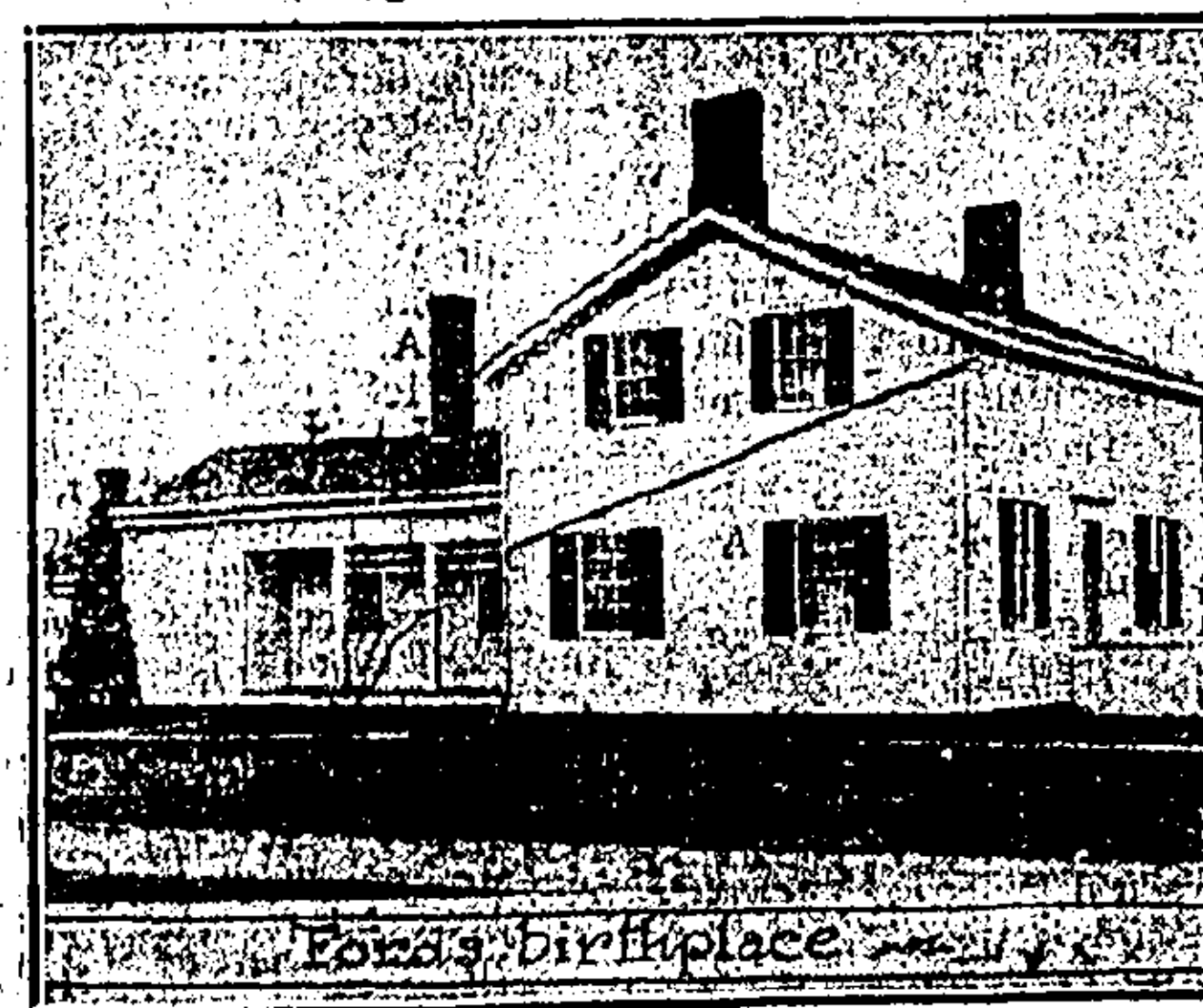
"Smiling Ed" Trapp, elected Lieutenant-Governor of Oklahoma has become Governor of the State through the impeachment and removal from office of John Callaway ("Jack") Walton.



Mrs. Theresa Gamble Conover, former wife of a major in the United States Army, has filed suit in New York City, for divorce, naming his second wife as co-respondent. Major Conover secured a divorce from his first wife in Pennsylvania, but she alleges that divorce is not legal in New York.



Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall in New York City and recognized Boss of the Democratic Party in the East, is pictured with Thomas Taggart, the Democratic "Dictator" of Indiana, discussing national political issues. Mr. Murphy is believed to have tossed Governor Alfred E. Smith's hat into the ring for the Presidential nomination for the Presidency when he gave out his statement favouring a referendum on the prohibition issue. New York's Governor is an avowed "wet."



Above is shown the little frame home in which Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer and mentioned as a Presidential possibility, was born. The house is located on what is now known as the corner of Division and Ford roads, Springwells Township, Wayne County, Me. It has been purchased by Mr. Ford, who is restoring it as it was when he was a child.

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